

Incentive Funding Opportunities for On-Road Diesel Vehicles

The Air Resources Board (ARB) is providing an unprecedented amount of incentive funding – over \$1 billion – for on-road heavy-duty diesel vehicles. A wide variety of grant and loan programs will help reduce the cost of cleaner vehicles in California. Grant funding is available through the Carl Moyer Program, the Proposition 1B Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program, and the Lower Emission School Bus Program.

How much funding is available?

The Goods Movement Emissions Reduction Program, funded by Proposition 1B, provides \$1 billion in grants over the next several years for a range of diesel freight sources. The vast majority of this funding is slated for on-road heavy-duty diesel trucks. The Carl Moyer Program provides up to \$140 million per year in grant funding for all types of mobile equipment. The Providing Loan Assistance for California Equipment (PLACE) Program will provide about \$240 million for loan guarantees. Finally, about \$200 million is available for school bus replacement and retrofits under the Lower Emission School Bus Program funded by Proposition 1B. Together, these funding sources make up the most extensive on-road vehicle funding opportunity ever offered in California.

Can incentive funds be used to achieve early compliance with the Truck & Bus Regulation?

Yes, but only if the project is completed in advance of the regulatory compliance deadline. For most trucks, the upgrade must be completed at least two years before it would be required by regulation. For example, if an owner/operator wants to replace an old truck, and the regulatory compliance deadline is January 1, 2014, then the upgraded truck must be operational by December 31, 2011. Truck owners should apply for grant funding as early as possible to qualify for the highest grant amount.

What kinds of funding opportunities are available for small fleets?

Small fleets are eligible for grants, vouchers, and loan guarantees. Grant funding can be used to help with the cost of replacing older trucks with new or newer trucks, or for exhaust retrofits that can reduce emissions from older trucks. For 1993 and older trucks, grants of up to \$50,000 are available through the Carl Moyer Program for replacement with a 2007-2009 truck. Fleet owners can combine Carl Moyer Program grant funding with loan guarantees to significantly lower the cost of a new truck purchase. Loans are available through the PLACE program in the form of loan guarantees issued through lenders to help truck owners that might not qualify for traditional loans. Vouchers are similar to grants, but will be easier to obtain and will have fewer administrative requirements along with slightly lower funding levels. Launched in May 2009, the Carl Moyer Voucher Incentive Program targets funds to class 8 trucks and provides a qualified trucker with \$35,000 to replace a pre-1991 truck or \$30,000 to replace a 1991-1993 truck. The Proposition 1B Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program provides funding of up to \$50,000 to replace MY 2003 or older trucks operating in trade corridors. Up to \$5,000 is available for exhaust retrofits that reduce diesel particulates by at least 85 percent.

What kinds of funding opportunities are available for large fleets?

Since large fleets are not eligible for as many programs as small fleets, they are expected to bear the majority of their own compliance costs. However, large fleets are still eligible for truck replacement and retrofit grant funding through the Proposition 1B Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program. Trucks that are 2003 or older are eligible for replacement funding of up to \$50,000 if they are operating in trade corridors. Up to \$5,000 is available for exhaust retrofits that reduce diesel particulates by at least 85 percent. In addition to grant funding, large fleets may be eligible for loan guarantees through the PLACE program to help provide financing for the balance of the cost to replace a truck.

Can I use grant funding in combination with a loan?

Truck owners may use the Carl Moyer Program grants or vouchers as down payments on trucks purchased with loan guarantees.

How Do I Apply for Incentive Funding?

Most incentive programs are administered by local air districts. Fleet owners may contact their local air district to apply for funding from the Carl Moyer Program or the Goods Movement Emissions Reduction Program.

Information and applications for the voucher program for small fleets are available at many truck dealers. Information is also available at selected truck stops. A list of dealerships participating in the Voucher Incentive Program is available at www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/voucher/dealerlist/dealerlist.htm

Information and applications for the loan guarantee program will be available through truck dealers or directly through participating lenders. A list of CalCAP lenders participating in the PLACE Program is available at www.treasurer.ca.gov/cpcf/calcap/institutions.pdf.

For More Information

Further information on the ARB's incentive and loan programs is available by calling the Diesel Hotline at 866-6DIESEL or visiting www.arb.ca.gov/truckstop.

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